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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by amendment referred to above.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-325,534 filed on October 25, 2000

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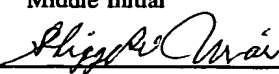
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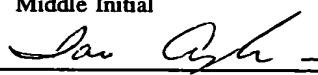
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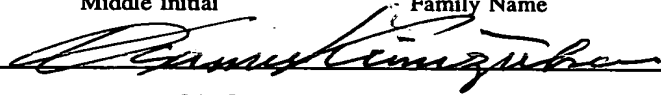
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